

Status of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Services for Older Adults

To meet requests of federal and state officials, the Senior Tar Heel Legislature, our partners and stakeholders, the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) has surveyed the statewide network of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) providers to assess service needs and learn about issues facing the service delivery system. DAAS has surveyed the network six times since February 2009, most recently in March 2014. Statewide 315 providers were contacted, 254 responded (81%).

The Mid-East Commission, Region Q serves 5 counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Martin, and Pitt. 18 of the 21 county-level HCCBG providers responded, for a response rate of 86%.

Results

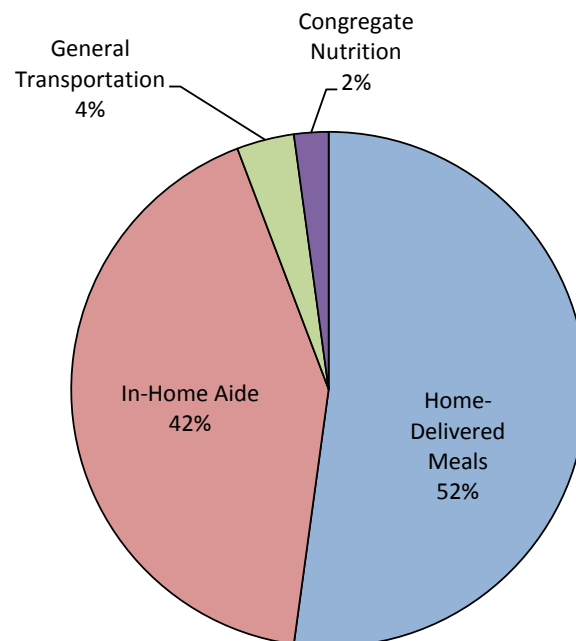
63% of the Information and Assistance providers reported an increase in service requests; 40% said that community resources to which clients can be referred have decreased

60% of the Senior Center programs are experiencing an increased demand for services

416 seniors were reportedly waiting for home and community services; when projecting responses to 100%, there was an estimated number of 1,001 individuals on the waiting list.

Number of seniors on the waiting list by service

Service	# Waiting
Home-Delivered Meals	217
In-Home Aide	175
General Transportation	15
Congregate Nutrition	9



What some Region Q providers are doing to promote efficiencies and meet challenges:

In-Home Aide: 30% are prioritizing applicants; 30% are reassessing clients to identify those whose services can be reduced or eliminated

Housing & Home Improvement: 25% are using more volunteers to provide the service

Home-Delivered Meals: 25% are prioritizing applicants according to the need for service

General Transportation: 33% are reducing the number of clients served; 33% are reassessing to identify clients whose service can be reduced or ended

Current challenges regarding funding and volunteerism

40% said that the number of volunteers have gotten smaller; 40% said the number of hours volunteers can contribute has decreased

33% said that county government funds have decreased

About the Home and Community Care Block Grant

Established in 1992 under NCGS 143B-181.1(a)(11), the HCCBG was devised to provide a "common funding stream" for a comprehensive and coordinated system of home and community-based services and opportunities for older adults. HCCBG services are available to people age 60 and older, although the "average" client is nearly 80 and the program targets individuals who are socially and economically needy.

HCCBG is administered through the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services and the Area Agencies on Aging. It combines federal and state funds with a local match, and it gives county commissioners discretion in budgeting and administering aging funds.

HCCBG Services at a Glance (Services offered in Region Q are bolded in this list)

Adult day care and day health care

Respite

Care management

Information & assistance**In-home aide services****Congregate and home-delivered meals****General and medical transportation****Senior centers**

Senior companion

Housing and home repair

Health screenings

Health promotion and disease prevention

Skilled home health